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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION

(Revised format per 25 Feb. 2003 O.G.)

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed 27 February 2003, consideration of the following remarks is solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this Document has been filed in the U.S. Post Office via fax to 713 305 3014 to the USPTO on 24 April 2003 (37 CFR 1.10).

Applicants' Attorney herein responds to the Final Office Action on the merits. This confirms the

Amendments to the Claims

The Claims and their present statuses are:

10. (Previously amended) A composition to be added to a cell mass containing nucleic acid, for